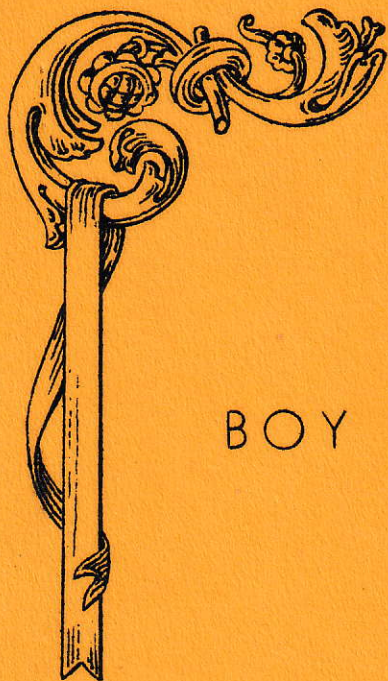


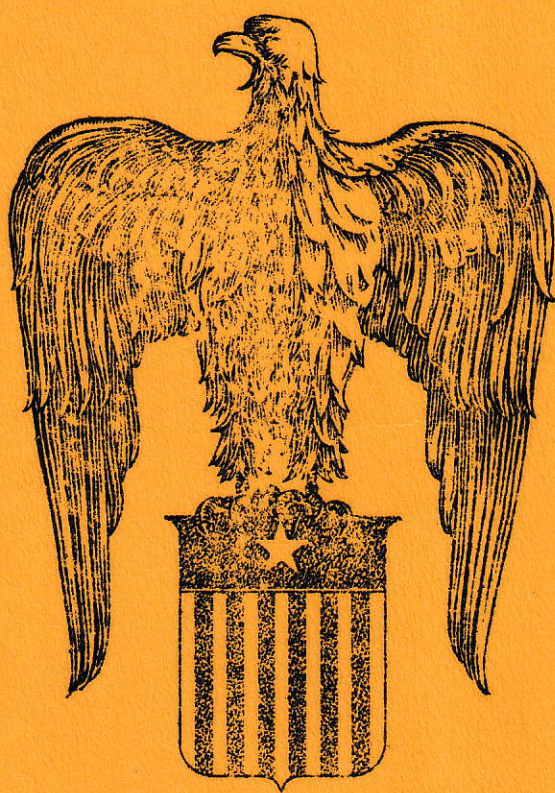


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CHICAGO

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



15

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Anniversary

1923



1938

TROOP 875 B. S. A.

15th. ANNIVERSARY and PARENTS NIGHT
 Friday Evening, February 10th. 1939
 At The Irving Park
 Methodist Episcopal Church
 North Keeler Avenue
 and
 Grace Street, Chicago
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PROGRAM

7 to 8 P.M.

Handicraft Exhibit by Patrols,
 Harold W. Bock, Edward R. Marsh

Pre-opening Accordion Solos,
 Scout Glenn C. Steiner.
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8 P.M.

Presentation of Colors,
 Harry G. Kottke, A.S.M.

Formal Troop Opening Ceremony,
 Robert L. Steiner, S.P.L.
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Welcome and Greetings,
 Arvid J. Carlsen, S.M.
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Introducing our Scouts,..... Arvid J. Carlsen, S.M.
 Accordion Solo,..... Donald L. Johnson, J.A.S.M.
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Rev. Ralph Wakefield,.... Pastor of Irving Park M. E. Church.
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Four Year, Tenure, 1938 Certificates, Robert E. Kelly, D.F.C.
 Awards of Patrol Contest Bars,... Donald L. Johnson, J.A.S.M.
 Awards of Merit Badges,..... Harley L. Lowe, A.D.E.
 Awards of Badges of Rank,..... Schiller A. Colberg, A.D.E.
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Accordion Solo,..... Scout Leonard Grove, Jr.
 Special Awards,..... Carl E. Hallen, T.C.
 Eagle Scout Citation,... Harold G. Verburg, Pres. Adelprians.
 - - - - -

16th. Year, Troop Charter Presentation
 Peter H. Norg, Executive, North Shore District.
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Harry E. Frey, Chairman 1939 Troop Committee.
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Troop 875 in Action, 1938 - Movies.
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Taps.

Closing Ceremony
 Lloyd N. Steiner, A.S.M.



TROOP - 875 - PERSONNEL

Troop Committee

Harry E. Frey, Chairman
Jesse L. Blaine, -Carl E. Hallen

Arvid J. Carlsen, Scoutmaster

Harry G. Kottke,.... A.S.M. Harold W. Bock,..... A.S.M.
Edward R. Marsh,.... A.S.M. Willy H. Bisgaard,.... A.S.M.
Robert D. McIntyre, . A.S.M. Paul E. Nagel,..... A.S.M.
Cecil Emery, Jr..... A.S.M. Howard R. Avichouser, . A.S.M.
Lloyd N. Steiner, ... A.S.M.

Jack J. Lacker, ... J.A.S.M. Arthur E. Lehner, Jr. J.A.S.M.
Donald L. Johnson, J.A.S.M. Thomas L. Jones, Jr. J.A.S.M.
Merritt L. Kastens, J.A.S.M. Jack R. Rued, J.A.S.M.
Robert L. Steiner, .. S.P.L.

BEAVER PATROL

John C. Hendry, Jr..... P.L.
Harry R. Meinke,..... A.P.L.
Norman L. Blankenship
George F. Brown
Malcolm Hendry
Robert J. Papp

RACCON PATROL

Edward C. Fensholt, II.. P.L.
George H. Gundersen, . A.P.L.
Thomas W. Blaine
Robert L. Cammack, Jr.
Walker J. Christensen
Leonard Grove, Jr.

WOLF PATROL

Donald J. Fox, P.L.
Wallace J. Muetting, .. A.P.L.
Raymond W. Casati
Cecil G. Chapel, Jr.
Earl E. Lund
Jack E. Pearson

SILVER FOX PATROL

Robert V. Avichouser, .. P.L.
Glenn C. Steiner, A.P.L.
Robert K. Bolin
Miles J. Glover
William Oyen
Douglas W. Rued
Frank C. Skupien

FLYING ARROW PATROL

Lennart E. G. Anderson
Charles T. Bailey
Kenneth F. Bextine
Lynwood S. Borchert
Raymond C. Meinke
Carter B. Reeds
William T. Reid, Jr.
Robert C. Welland

1939 - FIRST AID TEAM

Robert L. Steiner, Captain
Merritt L. Kastens
Edward C. Fensholt, II
Douglas W. Rued
Thomas W. Blaine

TROOP - 875 - EAGLES

Howard Avichouser	-Willy H. Bisgaard	-Harold W. Bock
Carl E. Hallen	-Donald L. Johnson	-Thomas L. Jones, Jr.
Frank J. Kottke	-Harry G. Kottke	-Merritt L. Kastens
Edward R. Marsh	-Edward Montgomery	-Howard Murphy
Paul E. Nagel	-Robert Noble	-Jack R. Rued
Lloyd N. Steiner	-Robert L. Steiner	-Albert W. Yates

Troop organized December 1923 and is under sponsorship of
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Irving Park Methodist Episcopal Church.

STATISTICAL REPORT, DECEMBER 31 - 1938

15th. YEAR - 1938 - TROOP 875

Registered.

40 - Scouts 9 - Leaders

Rank.

7 - Tenderfoot	13 - Second Class
1 - First Class	10 - Star
4 - Life	5 - Eagle

Advancement

9 - New Scouts	9 - Second Class
2 - First Class	7 - Star
3 - Life	2 - Eagle
6 - Eagle Palms	

73 - Merit Badges earned by Troop members in 1938.

638 - Total Merit Badges actively held in Troop.

9 - 1938 Four Year Scout Tenure Certificates.

96 - Scouts attended Troop Overnight Camping Trips.

281 - Scouts on Troop Day Hikes or Educational Trips.

10 - Members in Summer Camp at Owasippe, Michigan.

4 - " Winter " " " " "

3 - Ordeal Honor, "Order of the Arrow" members.

4 - Brotherhood, " " " " " "

TRADITIONAL TROOP ACHIEVEMENT

29 - Lincoln Trail 23 Mile Hike Medals
New Salem - to - Springfield, Ill.

North Shore District, First Aid
Champions - 1932 - 1934

Owasippe Summer Camp Troop Award
1931 - 1932 - 1933 - 1934 - 1935 - 1936 - 1937 - 1938

Horns of the Hardy Hikers Camp Award - 1934
Paul Bunyans Axe, Camp Award - 1935

Class "A" Rating, "Red Star Troop"
1931 - 1932 - 1933 - 1934 - 1935 - 1936 - 1937 - 1938

National Council 10 Year 1933 - 1942 Program Award
1933 - 1934 - 1935 - 1936 - 1937 - 1938

President Hoover Award - 1932
Acorn Award - 1938

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* TROOP 875 ACTIVITIES 1938 *

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January;-

Opened year with 45 Scouts and 7 Leaders.- Troop attends Shrine Circus.- Oriental Theater party.- National Safety Council publicity picture portraiture.- Old Clothes collecting contest.

February;-

15th. Year Charter and Parents Night.- Troop attends M.E. Church as a unit Scout Sunday.- Window exhibit "Sears" State Street store.- Participate in program for N.Sh. Scoutleaders at River Park.- First Aid Team scores first place community contest.- Attendance at Chicago Council 27th. Annual Meeting and Banquet.

March;-

First Aid Team wins second place in N.Sh.District.- Attend Boat and Sports Show at Navy Pier.- Tour of Chicago Lighting Institute.- Trip thru Main 12th. Street Police Building.- Day hike to Museum of Science and Industry in Jackson Park.

April;-

Troop officially assigned to welcome Dr. James E. West, Chief National Scout Executive to Chicago.- Trip to New Inventions Exhibit at Stevens Hotel.- Mid-West First Aid contest service.- Easter Sunday Sunrise Service at Soldier Field.- Eagle Scout service at Region Seven Annual Meeting at Stevens Hotel.- Four day handicraft exhibition for Rotary Club at Hotel Sherman.

May;-

Algonquin Trail hike to Camp Kennicutt, DesPlaines, Ill.- Irving Park Community Rally at Camp Fort Dearborn.- Demonstration at "Adelphian" meeting.- Joint meeting with Troop 936.- Opening ceremony at first Charter Night of Troop 975.- Poppy decoration and sounding of "Taps" at 22 Gold Star Graves in Irving Park Boulevard Cemetery.- Participating Memorial Day parade.- Attend first Parents Night of Troop 945.

June;-

Day hike to Grant Park, Field Museum and Shedd Aquarium.

July;-

Ten Troop members attend summer Camp Dan Beard at Owasippe, Mich.

August;-

Swim party at Montrose Beach.- Two Scouts hike Lincoln Trail 23 mile hike from New Salem to Springfield, Ill.- Make call at grave of Wm.D. Boyce, founder of Scouting in U.S.- Trip to special Scout Day Celebration at Wisconsin State Fair in Milwaukee.

September;-

Three more Scouts complete Lincoln Trail 23 mile hike.- Trip to Starved Rock and Dickson Mound Builders Tomb at Lewistown, Ill.- Call at grave of Wm.D. Boyce, Ottawa, Ill.- Camp Fort Dearborn, overnight hike.

October;-

Overnight hike to Camp Doddridge.- Tremont, Indiana Dunes, overnight trip.- Region Seven Conference service, Medinah Temple.

November;-

Edison Co. hobby show.- River Park Armistice Day parade.- Opening ceremony United States Building and Loan League Convention and Formal Banquet in Grand Ball Room of the Palmer House.

December;-

Represented at N.Sh. District 21st. Annual Meeting.- Camp Fort Dearborn overnight hike.- Made up and delivered Christmas baskets to two families.- Four Troop members go to Winter Camp at Owasippe, Michigan.

December;- 31st. 1938 Troop 875 Finishes Fifteen Years Service

THE HISTORY OF TROOP 875 CHICAGO

by

Eagle Scout, Frank J. Kottke, 1923-1932

Eagle Scout, Donald L. Johnson, 1933-1938

- 1915 - The first "Troop 875 Chicago" was sponsored by Saint Paul's Episcopal Church in Rogers Park. The Troop was disbanded in 1918.

- 1923 - In the late fall of this year, Mr. William T. Reid, a Sunday School teacher of the Irving Park Methodist Episcopal Church, conceived the plan of forming a Boy Scout Troop from his class. That Troop became 875.

- 1924 - Twenty-five boys joined at the beginning of the year and fourteen more were added before December. Troop meetings were held regularly, several hikes were had during the summer.

- 1925 - This year Mr. Reid was hard pressed for leisure, and the infant Troop developed many complicated diseases. In the fall of the year Mr. E.C. Bolton, became Scoutmaster. He completely reorganized the Troop, and started over with twelve Scouts -- eleven of them Tenderfoot.

- 1926 - The Troop built up rapidly under Mr. Bolton's leadership. The two original patrols, the Kangaroo and the Gorilla, were filled, and a third, the Cobra, was formed. One interpatrol contest was won by the Gorillas, and another by the Kangaroos. That summer the Troop had its first overnight hike. In the fall the Troop grew rapidly for we registered three First Class, seven Second Class, and fifteen Tenderfoot Scouts -- twenty-five.

- 1927 - A powerful young Troop began this year with a bang. The Kangaroos won an interpatrol contest in the spring, but were beaten by the newly organized Panther patrol in the fall. Mr. Bolton took several Scouts to camp. We had several overnights that fall in the old cabin above Dam Number 2. The Troop reregistered five Star, six First Class, ten Second Class, ten Tenderfoot -- thirty-one.

- 1928 - An interpatrol contest in the spring was won by the Elk patrol. Advancement steadily improved. Hikes were frequent and several Scouts went to summer camp. In June Mr. Bolton moved to Mount Prospect, Ill. and Mr. Reid temporarily took charge. As he was working day and night and had very little time to devote to the Troop, evil days fell upon us. A strong group of older boys reregistered, however, and started to rebuild the Troop. We ended the year with five Star, seven First Class, seven Second Class, and five Tenderfoot -- twenty-four.

- 1929 - The Troop began the new year slowly, but it steadily improved. In the fall we had the good fortune to get Mr. Herbert Livesey for Scoutmaster, and from then the Troop went forward with a rush. An interpatrol contest was won by the Silver Fox patrol. That fall and winter we had hikes every week-end. Advancement picked up steadily. We reregistered ten Star, three First Class, twelve Second Class, and fourteen Tenderfoot Scouts -- thirty-nine.
- 1930 - This was to be a stormy year. During the early months the Troop reached its peak under Mr. Livesey's direction. Advancement, meetings, enthusiasm -- all reached new levels. In June Mr. Livesey moved to New York and Mr. James Farnsworth, became Scoutmaster until we could find another man with more leisure. That man was Carl E. Hallen, and he assumed control of the Troop in December. The Troop reregistered ten Star, four First Class, eight Second Class, and five Tenderfoot Scouts - twenty-seven.
- 1931 - A banner year. During the cold weather we saw Chicago from top to bottom - from the tip of the Palmolive Building to the depths of the Chicago Avenue water tunnel. We had many hikes in the spring, and Mr. Hallen took a number of the Scouts to camp Dan Beard. In September Troop 875 had its first three Eagles -- Scouts Willy Bisgaard, Harold Bock, and Frank J. Kottke. The Eagle patrol won a contest in the spring and another in the fall. This year Troop 875 led the fifth section in the Achievement index, and rated an "A" Troop. We reregistered two Eagle, three Life, four Star, four First Class, three Second Class, and seven Tenderfoot Scouts, twenty-three.
- 1932 - One of the best years in our history. In February, the Troop put on a much-praised handicraft exhibit at Fries-Malwitz. Scouts Edward Marsh and Howard Murphy were awarded the rank of Eagle. Our First Aid Team, captained by Arvid Carlsen, won the championship of the North Shore District. A number of Scouts spent ten days at camp Dan Beard. During the year the Troop had eight overnight hikes, with an average attendance of sixteen, and twenty-four day hikes with an average attendance of fourteen. We were one of the fourteen Troops to put on an exhibition at the International Live Stock Show. A leaf contest held in the spring was won by the Eagle patrol, with a collection of seventy-eight. The Eagle and Silver Fox patrols tied a contest held in the fall. Troop 875 set a new record by earning fifty-six Merit Badges in one month -- November. This year Troop 875 again led the section and was rated an "A-plus" Troop. We registered three Eagle, two Life, five Star, eight First Class, twelve Second Class, and nine Tenderfoot Scouts -- thirty-nine.

1933 - - This was a year of great activity. We made many visits to A Century of Progress, nearly 200 Scout days being spent there during the summer. Troop put on fourteen handicraft exhibits at the World's Fair, and camped overnight on two service events. In the early fall we participated in the parade and ceremonies of National Boy Scout Day at the Fair and later in the American Legion Convention. Troop went on forty-three hikes during the year, with an average attendance of twelve Scouts. These hikes included the Annual Indiana, Dunes trip, hike to the Municipal Airport on which four Scouts had their first airplane ride, the Livestock Show, the Hobby Show, and the Lincoln Trail 23 mile hike which was completed by four Scouts. Thirteen Scouts attended summer camp and won the Owasippe Troop Award. In December we put on a Safety Demonstration at the Eight Street Theater, and invested the Scouts of Troop 1853 in a formal ceremony. Troop is awarded Class "A" Rating, and receive the first National Council Ten Year Program Award. The Troop reregistered three Eagle, ten Life, nine Star, four First Class, eight Second Class, and nine Tenderfoot Scouts -- forty-three.

1934 - - In '34 Troop 875 began to receive city-wide recognition of its excellence. An outstanding contribution to our success was made by our First Aid Team, captained by Harold Bock, won first the Section and then the District Championship, and finally placed second among Chicago Troops in the Mid-West finals. Troop was officially assigned to welcome National Scout Commissioner, Daniel Carter Beard, to Chicago. We were participants in such big affairs as the Tribune Music Festival, Homecoming Celebration at Soldier's Field, Carnival of Nations, North Shore Annual Meeting, and the Chicago Council Annual Meeting. In addition we went on thirty-one hikes, among them the Golden Gloves bouts, Sunday Evening Club at Orchestra Hall, Tremont Dunes, Chicago Riding Club Polo game, Starved Rock, the Hobby Show, and the Lincoln Trail Hike which was completed by five Scouts. We took part in five parades and flag ceremonies and twice assisted in Travelers Aid work at the World's Fair. Put on two displays of Scout work. Awarded Class "A" Rating. For the second year we received National Council Ten Year Award. Eagle rank was awarded to Harry G. Kottke. Ended year with one Eagle, eleven Life, ten Star, four First Class, twelve Second Class, and six Tenderfoot Scouts -- forty-four.

1935 - - Another successful year. In the spring we put on two downtown department store exhibits and two local displays of Scout work. In May thirty-one Scouts took part in the Scout Circus. Five Scouts took the Springfield-Starved Rock trip, and successfully made the Lincoln Trail Hike. A fine record was made at Camp Dan Beard, winning award of Paul Bunyan's Axe. In November we gave another downtown exhibit of Scoutcraft. During the year, five Scouts attended Winter Camp at Owasippe, ninety-eight on overnight camping trips, and two hundred and fifty-four took part in day hikes. Troop was again awarded Class "A" Rating, also the National Council, ten year program Award for the third year. Three Eagle badges were awarded this year to Scouts Albert Yates, H. Avichouser and Robert Noble. We reregistered two Eagle, six Life, ten Star, seven First Class, nine Second Class, and six Tenderfoot Scouts -- forty.

1936 - - Arvid J. Carlsen, becomes Scoutmaster. First Aid Team, won second place in District Contest. Among features of the year were, ushering at Easter Sunrise Service, a bird hike with Bob Becker as genial guide, participation in Scout Circus, attending Illinois State Fair, taking part in State Street Merchant's Celebration, organizing 875 Musicians. In addition we had thirteen members attend Summer Camp and five went to Winter Camp, seven Scouts completed Lincoln Trail Hike, one hundred and ten Scouts on overnight trips, and one hundred and forty-seven on day hikes. We gained two new Eagle Scouts, Edward Montgomery and Lloyd Steiner. A trip was made to Starved Rock and to the Dickson Mounds at Lewistown, Ill. We took part in two parades and five special banquets and ceremonies. Troop is again awarded Class "A" Rating and National Ten Year Award for the fourth year. We re-registered two Eagle, eight Life, seven Star, five First Class, eleven Second Class, and seven Tenderfoot -- forty.

1937 - - This year saw more unusual activities develop in Troop 875. Our "875-adors" made a big hit at the Annual Parent's Night, Mr. Hallen and Lloyd Steiner attended the Jamboree at Washington, D.C. as S.M. and S.P.L. respectively, we were official host to twelve English Scouts visiting Chicago, and at another time to, two Scouts from British Columbia, the trip to Springfield, Starved Rock, and the Dickson Mounds, was made again, our Swimming Team won the Championship at Camp Dan Beard, in the fall Howard Avichouser won the Fire by Friction contest of the District. Four more Eagle Scouts were added Robert Steiner, Thomas Jones, Donald Johnson, and Paul Nagel. Twelve members were at Summer Camp and four at Winter Camp. Four Scouts completed the Lincoln Trail Hike The Troop made up and delivered two Christmas baskets. We were awarded Class "A" Rating and received the National Ten Year Award for the fifth year. We reregistered six Eagle, seven Life, six Star, seven First Class, ten Second Class, and nine Tenderfoot Scouts -- forty-five.

1938 - - Troop 875 rose to new heights in '38. To list but a few of the most outstanding activities; Members posed for pictures for the National Safety Council and for Mayor Kelly's Anti-Fireworks Campaign. We officially welcomed Dr. James E. West, to Chicago. Six Scouts put on a flag ceremony at a formal banquet by the U. S. Building and Loan League in the Grand Ball Room of the Palmer House. Two more Scouts attained the rank of Eagle, Merritt Kastens and Jack Rued. Donald Johnson, won the Fire by Flint and Steel Championship of the District. Four of our Scouts represented Chicago at the Wisconsin State Fair in Milwaukee, on Boy Scout Day. An exhibit was maintained for four days at the Rotary Club Recovery Exposition. Ten members attended Camp Dan Beard and four went to Winter Camp. Four more Scouts from our Troop made the Lincoln Trail Hike and call at grave of W. D. Boyce in Ottawa, Ill. We made up and delivered two Christmas baskets. The Troop won the coveted Acorn Award for 1938. We were recipients of Class "A" Rating for the eight consecutive year and the National Ten Year Program Award for the sixth consecutive year. We reregistered five Eagle, four Life, ten Star, one First Class, thirteen Second Class, and seven Tenderfoot Scouts -- forty.



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